



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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Can you tell us a little about your role?

I assess homes for the elderly and disabled and find out what energy efficient and eco measures we can get funding for to make them warm and bring down the cost of their energy bills. After doing a survey I then arrange appropriate contactors and funding to make this happen.

What are the key moments in your career journey so far?

I was a single mother at 29 with three very young children one being a new born. I returned back to college/university to study electrical engineering and then went on to become a fully qualified electrician.

I ran my own successful business for five years before applying to the council for the role of electrician in RMS. I then used my knowledge and skills from work and university and applied to be the councils first retrofit technical officer.

Are there any particular lessons or advice that you would like to share?

if you dont put yourself out there and give something new a try you will never know if you can do it.

How do you hope this article will help someone?

That even if you are a single parent or working in a male dominated role you can achieve your goals and be recognised for it.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

Don't be afraid to do anything that other people think is strange/ unusual for a woman to do.

